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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 8

Introduced by Assembly Members Butler and Bonnie Lowenthal
(Coauthor: Senator Evans)

January 20, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Relative to American Heart Month and Wear Red Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 8, as amended, Butler. American Heart Month and Wear Red Day.

This measure would recognize the month of February 2011 as American Heart Month in California, would recognize February 4, 2011, as Wear Red Day in California, and would urge public support for Go Red for Women events.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Diseases of the heart are the ~~nations's~~ *nation's*
2 leading cause of death, and stroke is the fourth leading cause of
3 death; and
4 WHEREAS, Nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular
5 disease each day, approximately one death every 39 seconds; and
6 WHEREAS, Each year, 52 percent of all deaths due to
7 cardiovascular disease, and 60 percent of stroke deaths, occur in
8 females; and
9 WHEREAS, Too many women die each year because they are
10 unaware that heart disease is their number 1 killer; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2007, the direct and indirect cost of
2 cardiovascular diseases in the United States, including stroke, was
3 estimated to be \$286 billion; and

4 WHEREAS, Nearly as many women die of heart disease, stroke,
5 and all other cardiovascular diseases than the next four leading
6 causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

7 WHEREAS, Only 16 percent of women surveyed in 2009
8 identified cardiovascular disease as the greatest health problem
9 facing them; and

10 WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month
11 and Californians should learn the warning signs of heart disease
12 and stroke; and

13 WHEREAS, Go Red for Women is the American Heart
14 Association's national call to increase awareness about heart
15 disease, the leading cause of death for women, and to inspire
16 women to take charge of their heart health; and

17 WHEREAS, Making the right choices relating to proper
18 nutrition, physical activity, and other lifestyle choices are essential
19 to living a heart healthy life; and

20 WHEREAS, Wear Red Day is recognized nationwide each year
21 to highlight the Go Red for Women campaign; now, therefore, be
22 it

23 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
24 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of
25 February 2011 as American Heart Month in California in order to
26 raise awareness of the importance of the ongoing fight against
27 heart disease and stroke; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes February 4, 2011, as
29 Wear Red Day in California, and urges all citizens to show their
30 support for women and the fight against heart disease by
31 commemorating this day by wearing the color red; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges public support for Go Red
33 for Women events planned in California during American Heart
34 Month; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
36 of this resolution to the Secretary of the Senate and the author for
37 appropriate distribution.

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